

Parapsychology Research

Soviets Appear to be Tightening Control Over Applied Parapsychology Research: Larissa V. Vilenskaya, a parapsychologist from Moscow, recently wrote to a US colleague that almost no opportunity exists for people like her to conduct serious parapsychological research without having to overcome numerous major obstacles. Recently, she has seen a trend in the USSR in which the most active parapsychological researchers are being pushed aside by "officially appointed newcomers." (C)

Comment: This report supports previous indications that Soviet parapsychology research is being placed under

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tighter control. These actions appear to be the result of a continuing Soviet effort to use paranormal phenomena for applied military and/or intelligence tools. Initially the Soviets evaluated the potential applications benefits of numerous areas of parapsychology.

The current increase in government control is believed to be directed toward those areas of parapsychology which were identified as being most promising for successful applications developments. The control tactic probably is designed to restrict the foreign dissemination of information about Soviet research activities, results, and methodologies by limiting the activities of researchers friendly to the West.

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